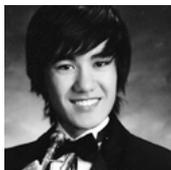


# Senior Recognition



**AMY AHN**, a senior at Gunn High School, has been with ECYS for the past two years. She has played the harp since age five and has participated in various ensembles at school and around the Bay Area. Amy is a reporter on Gunn's *Titan Broadcast Network*, an avid figure skater and bookworm, and the sixth grade small group teacher at her beloved church. Next year, she plans to attend UCLA to study with Lou Anne Neill of the LA Philharmonic with a major in Harp Performance, in addition to pursuing communication studies. Amy is grateful to ECYS for two life-changing years. She also thanks God, her family, and friends for all the love and support—shout out to Eileen, Kevin, Sophia, and Sunghea!



**ZACHARY AMERI** is a force of nature. He began playing the trumpet at the tender age of eleven, taking lessons from the famous John Worley. Zach advanced quickly in his technique and skill. Zach doesn't mess around. He has since become involved in multiple music ensembles, joining ECYS his junior year. Many say that listening to Zach play is like "chocolate to their ears." Zach also excels at pretty much everything else he does, from Model UN to the school newspaper. Plus, he is half-Iranian and half-Japanese, quite possibly the rarest ethnicity in the world. Next year, he will be attending University of Southern California to study Economics and Business.



**SARAH ANTONSSON** is a senior at Mountain View High School and has been in Senior Symphony for one year. She started French horn in eighth grade and studies with Erika Wilsen. She plays horn in Mountain View High School's Wind Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, musicals and two quintets, mellophone in the marching band and trombone in Jazz Ensemble. Sarah also played a horn concerto with MVHS's Symphony Orchestra this year. In addition to music, she enjoys physics and math. Next year, she will be attending University of the Pacific in the Honors Program, for French horn performance with a minor in physics.



**EILEEN BANG**, a senior at Lynbrook High School, began oboe lessons in the sixth grade. She has been with ECYS for five years, including three years in Senior Symphony. She volunteered as the principal oboist in Silicon Valley Volunteer Orchestra for four years, and has volunteered with Harmony of Hearts Ensemble, teaching disabled students music. At school, she is the principal oboist of the wind ensemble. She participates in Lynbrook's National Honor Society and is the vice president of piano club. In her free time, she likes to listen to music and watch *Criminal Minds*, *Psych*, and *House*. Next year, she will attend Emory University and hopes to continue playing her oboe. She would also like to give a special shout out to Sunghea, Amy, Sophia, Songyi, Kevin, and Josh! You guys are amazing! :)



**ELEANOR BRUG** (viola) has been with ECYS for eight years, two in Senior Symphony. She started violin in first grade, and switched to viola three years ago. She uses a different bow to compete in archery, which she also teaches to special needs teens. She is the leader of Castilleja's chemistry club, and competed in the National Chemistry Olympiad. She enjoys experimental baking and making sponge toffee, and once filled the school cafeteria with smoke/steam from making toffee in the microwave. Depending on AP scores, she will be attending either Cambridge University or Yale in the fall, where she will study chemistry.



**KEVIN CHOI** is a senior at Leland High School and has been playing with the Senior Symphony for two years. As an enthusiast in music, he has played in various ensembles and volunteer orchestras such as KAMSA and SVVO. Other than music, he enjoys hobbies such as photography, dance, and even cooking. Next year, Kevin plans to attend Drexel University for chemistry but hopes to continue studying music.



**WINNIE DING**, a senior at Mission San Jose High School, has been playing in the Senior Symphony for three years. She is a member of the Fine Ensemble, an ECYS Chamber Music group, and has dedicated every Wednesday (as well as other days) to practice with her group for the past two years. Other than studying the viola, Winnie takes art class and has won various state and county competitions. In her spare time, she enjoys sketching, singing, and watching Korean dramas. She is currently taking a Pharmacy Clerk ROP class this year to receive her technician license. Next year, she will be attending UC Irvine majoring in viola performance as well as minoring in biology. She hopes to become a Pharmacist and a music teacher in the future.



**ANNY DOW** has been a member of ECYS for seven years, and has been a first violinist in the Senior Symphony for four years. She has also been a part of the ECYS Chamber Music program, playing in multiple quartets and trios. In addition to playing violin, Anny has been a member of her high school newspaper for three years and is currently the Editor-in-Chief. She is also an officer in the National Honor Society and Future Business Leaders of America, and serves on the E3 Philanthropy Board. Next year, Anny hopes to continue performing music and plans to study cognitive science at Yale University.



**JESSE HOSHIZAKI**, a senior at Gunn High School, has been a part of ECYS for one year, helping to make up the “Big Five” bassoon section. He is also a member of the Gunn High School Wind Ensemble. In addition to playing bassoon, Jesse enjoys reading and playing soccer. Next year, he plans to attend Wheaton College in Illinois studying biology, and hopes to continue to play the bassoon.



**NICHOLAS KAU**, a senior attending Monta Vista High School, has been playing in the El Camino Youth Symphony for nine years. Besides studying the violin, Nicholas loves to eat, explore, and exercise with his friends and family. He interacts with various leadership and community service groups in his local vicinity, such as OSF and Key Club. Next year, he plans to attend University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and pursue a career in Computer Engineering, all while continuing his musical studies of course.



**SOPHIA KIM** is a senior at Saint Francis High School and has been playing in the senior symphony for three years. At school, she plays in the Saint Francis String Ensemble and Liturgy Band. She is also involved in Student Council, as Senior Class Secretary, Speech and Debate, and National Honors Society. Sophia loves to laugh and enjoys hanging out with her friends and family. She is very thankful to ECYS because she has met some of her closest friends here. Next year, she will attend Carnegie Mellon University where she plans to major in business administration and hopes to continue her musical studies. She gives a shoutout to Eileen Bang,

Sunghea Khil, Amy Ahn, Kevin Choi, and Alice Park! :)



**SUNGHEA KHIL**, a senior at Gunn High School, has been playing the oboe with ECYS for four years, including two years in the Senior Symphony. In addition to her passion for music, she has been actively involved in her school as the student activities editor for yearbook and Chinese Culture Club president, and in her community as a youth activist with the American Civil Liberties Union and the Silkroad Incorporated. In her free time, she enjoys hanging out with friends, eating delicious food, and last but not the least, sleeping like there is no tomorrow. Next year, she plans to attend University of Southern California to study Policy, Planning, and Development.



**VIVIAN LI** is a graduating senior at the Harker School. She joined ECYS halfway through her senior year as co-principal of the oboe section, and although her time in the orchestra was short, she has enjoyed every bit of the experience so far. She began playing as a freshman in her school orchestra and has grown as a musician since. Vivian is an experienced jazz, hip hop, ballet, and Chinese ethnic dancer at ACPA and DAU; in school, she’s participated in the orchestra, volunteered in the music club, worked as the Women-in-Science Volunteer Committee chairwoman, and been a member of the National Latin and National Honor Societies. She plans on continuing oboe and orchestra at Duke University, where she will be attending in the fall.



**KYLE LIU** has been playing in ECYS for two years, both of which have been spent in the Senior Symphony. He has played bassoon since eighth grade, studying under Mihail Iliev. Outside of orchestra, Kyle has participated in the Community School of Music and Arts’ Early Music Minstrels ensemble for two and a half years, performing baroque and medieval pieces at various concerts and local events. The ensemble won the grand prize at the UC Santa Cruz Baroque Festival in 2011. In the future, he plans to study biology and continue his musical endeavors at Washington University in St. Louis.



**JEFFREY LU**, a senior at Palo Alto High School, began his musical studies as a toddler with violin pieces such as *The Happy Farmer* and *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star Variations*. Curious to explore further, he convinced his parents to buy him a clarinet in fifth grade and – after playing with his school band for a few years – joined ECYS in seventh grade. Jeffrey loves venturing outdoors and will often spend his days off zipping around San Francisco or backpacking in the wilderness with his Boy Scout troop. This fall, Jeffrey will head to the University of Michigan, where the frigid weather will not allow him to continue wearing short pants everyday. Jeffrey would like to thank his fantastic parents, friends and mentors for their much-needed advice, support and fist bumps.



**CLARENCE MAH**, a senior at Lynbrook High, grew up on a ranch in southern Nebraska where he developed a passion for horseback riding. He trained competitively for years to participate in the Junior Olympics, but a knee injury forced him to stop riding. Soon after, his family relocated to California and he quickly discovered an interest in violin. As his passion for the arts grew, he found yet another hobby: dancing. In 2010, Clarence founded the Asian American Dance Committee, which is dedicated to inspiring young children to dance as a form of recreation. When Clarence is not dancing or playing violin, he enjoys baking cheesecakes, doing origami, and eating French fries from the Counter. This fall, he will attend UCSD as a dance major in the hopes of joining a prestigious Japanese dance team.



**MAGGIE McKENNA** is a senior at Gunn High School. She has been playing percussion in ECYS for two years, but has played percussion since she was in fifth grade when she discovered then that she likes to hit stuff, and this seemed like the most constructive way to handle that. She is a sock enthusiast, muffin connoisseur, and a lover of cats and pigs. She has swum competitively since fourth grade and is proud to have been a member of the 2012 Gunn High School CCS championship-winning swim team. Next year, she will attend Macalester College in St Paul, Minnesota.



**CHESLEY MOK** is a senior at Lynbrook High and has been a member of ECYS for four years. In addition to violin, she has studied piano since the age of four and has been an active member of Crystal Choir since age six. Outside of school, she enjoys swimming, singing in bathrooms, and collecting stuffed animals. Chesley will be attending UC Irvine to double major in Piano and Neurobiology. She hopes to become a pediatric neurologist. Shoutout to Kitty and Yoko for being the best standpartners ever!



**MATTHEW ORTON** is finishing his second year in the Senior Symphony and his fifth year in ECYS. He is graduating from Los Altos High School where he played violin and viola in their Chamber Ensemble. In addition to performing with these groups, Matthew spends a lot of his time training with his high school and club water polo teams. Matthew likes to spend his free time playing Dungeons and Dragons with his friends. Next year, Matthew will study electrical engineering at MIT where he will also play for their water polo team and hopefully continue his musical studies.



**ALICE PARK** will be attending UC Berkeley in the fall, studying computer science. After studying music since third grade, she hopes to continue to integrate violin into her college life. She has been with ECYS for eight years, four of which she was in Senior Symphony, and she wishes to join the campus orchestra. Alice thanks everyone who has helped her love music, including the wonderful Dr. Kolchinsky and of course her supportive family.



**DYLAN QIAN** has been a violinist for over twelve years and joined ECYS during the 2010-11 season. He enjoys going on hikes and sometimes, mountain biking. Next year, Dylan will stay around, taking a gap year and attend New York University in 2013.



**DANIEL SHAN** is a senior at Palo Alto High School and has been a member of the El Camino Youth Symphony since he started playing clarinet in the Camerata Orchestra six years ago. In addition to playing music, he goes running, plays soccer, and spends time with friends. He also enjoys scientific research and currently works at the Stanford Department of Biology. Daniel is also a president of his school's Science Olympiad team, as well as a board member of the Stanford Hospital Auxiliary. He plans to study public health at UC Berkeley and hopes to continue playing music throughout his time in college.



**TIFFANY SHEN**, a senior at Mountain View High School, has been a member of ECYS for nine years and now serves as Concertmaster of Senior Symphony. She began her violin training at age six under Ker Qi and later under Camilla Kolchinsky. Currently, she studies under Victor Voitsekhovski. Also an avid dancer, Tiffany won first place for the International Grand Ball Dancing Championships Junior Level 2008 through 2011 as well as the Gold Award in the 2011 California State Talent Competition for pointe ballet. In her free time, she enjoys running and reading. She will attend UC Berkeley to double major in economics and dancing. Tiffany would like to thank the faculty, staff and coaches at ECYS for encouraging enthusiasm, knowledge and love of music among all its students.



You haven't heard of **SHREYAS SRINIVASAN**? Since the day he picked up a horn at the tender age of eleven, he's dominated the brass scene with his teacher Scott Hartman. Past his cold, chiseled exterior is a smart mind and a kind heart. Attending UC Berkeley's prestigious engineering program in the fall, he's come a long way from his roots at Homestead High School. He's been a dedicated member of the wild, award-winning Homestead marching band for years now; however, Shreyas is too busy saving the planet and gracing our ears with his masterful horn playing to worry about partying, not to mention the time he dedicates his pet bear that he tends to in his off hours. His fondest memories of ECYS include playing Beethoven's *Fifth*, Shostakovich's *Fifth*, Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite* and the 2011 tour to Spain and France.



**LINDSEY WANG** joined ECYS as a tiny third grader who still needed a stool to reach the timpani. She became a member of the Senior Symphony in ninth grade and has since toured with the group twice and soloed her senior year. She has studied piano since the first grade and often accompanies her school's choirs. At Castilleja School, she has been a member of the Varsity volleyball team for four years as well as a coach for middle schoolers. Her friends genuinely believe she does not have a life outside of music and volleyball. Her mother agrees with them. Lindsey is rather fond of Broadway musicals and is known to blast the *Book of Mormon* soundtrack while baking cookies. She plans to study Physics and perhaps minor in music at MIT next fall.



**NICOLE WASHINGTON** has been playing piano since she was six-years-old and began playing clarinet when she was a seventh grader at Cupertino Middle School. Nicole attends Homestead High School where she is a four-year member of the marching band, a three-year member of the Wind Ensemble, and a two-year member of the Symphony Orchestra. Nicole spent two years as a member of CYS before joining ECYS her junior year. Nicole greatly enjoyed participating as a member of *Batteries Not Included*, an ECYS Chamber Music group. Currently, Nicole is a member of the Church of the Resurrection Music Ministries Program, where she plays clarinet for weekly mass services. In her spare time Nicole enjoys swimming, reading, creative writing, and playing with her dog Zoe. In the fall, Nicole will attend the San Francisco Conservatory of Music where she will major in Clarinet Performance.



**GENE WONG** is a senior at Harker and has been playing in the Senior Symphony for two years. At school, he plays in the Harker School Orchestra and Harker Woodwind Quintet. In addition to the bassoon, Gene has been studying the piano since he was five. He is also an active member of the National Honor Society and Junior Engineering Technical Society at school. Besides academics, Gene enjoys running, skiing, and volunteering at the hospital during the weekends. Next year, Gene plans to continue playing the bassoon while pursuing his interests in biology and neuroscience at Duke. He thanks his bassoon teacher for his guidance and support.



**YOAV ZIMMERMAN** began playing flute in fifth grade, before coming to his senses and changing to French horn in seventh grade. This was his second year in ECYS Senior Symphony, and he toured Spain and France in the summer of 2011 as a member of the Team America Alpha Squad. Yoav has been a member of Homestead High School's music program, participating in marching band, wind ensemble, symphony orchestra, and in various County and All-State Honor ensembles. In his free time, he enjoys listening to music, freestyle rapping, and nonchalantly making jokes about serious matters. This fall, he will begin studying Neuroscience at UCLA, but will definitely continue to be involved in music. Yoav would like to thank everyone from ECYS, and his high school music teachers for making his music memories so memorable.

***Congratulations to the Senior Symphony Class of 2012!***